



## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS of the Undersigned, from and after the 31st Instant, will be carried on under the Style of "LINSTEAD & Co."

T. G. LINSTEAD,  
Hongkong, May 13, 1878. my20

## NOTICE.

M. R. WILLIAM HENRY HARTON,  
Jr., is this Day admitted a PARTNER  
in our Firm.

GILMAN & Co.  
Hongkong and Foochow,  
May 1, 1878. jcl

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.  
China, March 8, 1878. my20

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. M. S. GUBBAY in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December, 1877.

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.  
Shanghai, May 11, 1878. my20

## NOTICE.

THE Interest of the late JOHN GURNEY FRY in our Firm CEASED on the 30th Ultimo.

SILVERLOCK & Co.  
Foochow, May 1, 1878. my22

## NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP existing between Mr. JOHN G. PURDON and Mr. HENRY W. DAVIS in HONGKONG and CANTON, under the Style of PURDON & Co., is THIS DAY DISSOLVED by mutual consent; either Partner will sign in liquidation, and the Business will be carried on by Mr. H. W. DAVIS under the Style of DAVIS & Co.

PURDON & Co.  
China, April 30, 1878.

MR. HENRY W. DAVIS retires from, and his Interest and Responsibility CEASED in our Firm at Foochow from the 30th Ultimo; and Messrs. JOHN ANDREW MATTLAND and EDWARD PYE HAGUE are admitted PARTNERS thereto from This Date.

PURDON & Co.  
China, May 1, 1878.

MR. JOHN GRAEME PURDON is THIS Day admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.

MATTLAND & Co.  
Shanghai, May 1, 1878.

MR. CHARLES COLE is authorised to Sign our Firm per procurator at FOOCHOW.

PURDON & Co.  
Foochow, May 1, 1878. my23

## NOTICE.

MR. GUSTAV FISCHER has been duly authorized to Sign our Firm by procurator from This Date.

E. MEYER & Co.  
Tientsin, May 1, 1878. my22

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 香港《華字報》(Wah Tze Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN,  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Under-signed has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEON YOOK CHUEN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new regime will be found to be as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising; especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the newspaper.

KONG CHIM,  
Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail,  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## TO LET.

TO BE LET.  
With Possession from 31st Instant.

THAT portion of No. 37, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, known as "THE MEDICAL HALL".

For particulars, apply to TURNER & Co.  
Hongkong, May 17, 1878. my21

## TO LET.

THE MIDDLE FLOOR of No. 20, PRAYA CENTRAL, consisting of 4 Rooms, Comptoir's and Boys' Room, Cook House, &c.

For particulars, apply to W. E. SPRATT & Co.  
Hongkong, May 16, 1878. my30

## TO LET.

THE Dwelling House No. 6, Mosque Terrace, possession from 15th April next.

Three Offices, in Club Chambers.  
Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIRIE & Co.  
Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

## TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central, with Godown attached.

Houses No. 2, and 5, Seymour Terrace.  
DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.  
Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

## TO LET.

A SUBSTANTIALLY-BUILT BUNGALOW on SHANKEEN, in Canton, possession from 25th May.

Apply to AHMEDBHOT MARIBHOT,  
Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

## Mails.

U. S. MAIL LINE.  
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF PEKING will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 23rd May, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passage Tickets issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER CENT on regular rates is granted to OFFICERS of the ARMY and NAVY, and MEMBERS of the CIVIL and CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISSION.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m., of 22nd May. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Commercial Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 9, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, April 25, 1878. my23

NOTICE.  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUZU, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES;

ALSO, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND BOMBAY.

NOTICE.  
ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

## Insurances.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up..... Tls. 420,000  
PERMANENT RESERVE..... 230,000  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND..... 104,000  
Total Capital and amounts available this date..... Tls. 754,000

## Directors:

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.  
M. P. EVANS, Esq., J. O. LUCAS, Esq.,  
C. KREBS, Esq., W. MATHERSON, Esq.,  
Secretaries:

Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai.  
London Bankers:

Messrs. BARING BROTHERS & Co.

Agencies in:

HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and the Principal Ports in the East.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates.

Subject to a charge of 12% for interest on Shareholders' Capital, ALL THE PROFITS of THE UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, May 10, 1878. col

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.  
Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurance at current rates.

MICHIGANS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

GILMAN & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

SHENG-ON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Director:

KWOK ACEHONG, Merchant.  
PANG YIM, Merchant.  
HO SAM, of Hop Yik Chan, Merchant.  
LOO YEE, of the Yes On Hong, Merchant.  
LEE SING, of Lai Hing Merchant.  
CHEUNG SING YEONG, Merchant.  
CHOU CHAN, Merchant.

Manager—HO AMEL.

POLICIES against FIRE granted for BUILDINGS and on Goods stored therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to DISCOUNT of 20% on the Premium.

OFFICE, No. 8 and 9, Praya West.

Hongkong, August 25, 1877. my22

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George the Fourth, A. D. 1790.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 27, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, May 15, 1878. my20

NOTICE.

THE CHINESE MAIL.

FROM and after the Chinese New Year's Day (February 17, 1874) the Chinese Mail will be issued DAILY instead of twice weekly as heretofore.

No change, however, will be made in the price of subscription, which will remain at \$4 per annum.

The charges for advertisements are now assimilated to those of the Chinese Mail. The unusual success which has attended the Chinese Mail makes it an admirable medium for advertisement.

The Conductors guarantee an eventual circulation of one thousand copies. It is already the most influential native journal published, and enjoys considerable prestige at the Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Penang, Calcutta, and Hongkong, and are prepared to grant insurance at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant insurance at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1874.

## Insurances.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Batavia, and Pehang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their consideration.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Vessels up to £100,000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premium, terms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of £45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

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## POSTAL RATES.

[Subjoined we give the postal rates now in force for transmission of correspondence to all parts of the world. Detailed rules affecting the transmission of packets, parcels, &c., will be found annexed, together with a number of miscellaneous and useful notices.]

## Hongkong. Rates of Postage.

(Revised Nov. 9th, 1877.)

In the following Statements and Tables the Rates are given in cents, and are, for Letters, per half ounce, for Books and Patterns, per two ounces.

Newspapers over four ounces in weight are charged as double, triple, &c., as the case may be; but such papers or packets of paper may be sent at Book Rate. Two Newspapers must not be folded together as one, nor must anything whatever be inserted except bona fide Supplements. Printed matter may, however, be enclosed, if the whole be paid at Book Rate. Price Current may be paid either as Newspapers or Books.

N.R. means No Registration.

## Countries of the Postal Union.

The Union may be taken to comprise Europe, the United States, Brazil, India (including Ceylon, the Straits, and Aden), Japan, Egypt, Liechten, Mauritius, Seychelles, Jamaica, Trinidad, British Guiana, and Bermuda, with all French, Danish, Netherlands, Portuguese, and Spanish Colonies.

Countries NOT in the Union.—The chief countries not in the Union are: the Australasian Group, British North America, Africa (except French, &c., Colonies), and Central America.

## Postage to Union Countries.

**General Rates, by any route:**  
Letters, 12 cents per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.  
Registration, 8 cents.  
Newspapers, 2 cents each.  
Books and Patterns, 4 cents per 2 oz.

**Exceptional rates, to the United Kingdom and Union Countries served through the United Kingdom via Brindisi only:**

Letters, 16 cents per  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.  
Registration, 8 cents.  
Newspapers, 4 cents each.  
Books and Patterns, 6 cents per 2 oz.

There is no charge on redirected correspondence within the Postal Union.

## Postage to Non-Union Countries.

W. Africa, Falkland Islands, Lagos, Gold Coast, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Cape Verd Islands:—

Via San Francisco Vía S. Hampton Vía Brindisi  
Letters, — 22 26  
Registration, — 12 12  
Newspapers, — 4 6  
Books & Patterns, — 8 10

Aspinwall, Panama:—

Letters, 18 34 38  
Registration, None. None. None.  
Newspapers, 4 4 6  
Books & Patterns, 6 8 10

Canada, Vancouver, Prince Edward's Island, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia:—

Letters, 12\* 16 20  
Registration, 8 12 12  
Newspapers, 2\* 4 6  
Books & Patterns, 4\* 6 8

Bahamas, Hayti:—

Letters, 14 34 38  
Registration, None. None. None.  
Newspapers, 4 4 6  
Books & Patterns, 6 8 10

Bolivia, Chili, Ecuador, and Peru:—

Letters, 30 46 50  
Registration, 6 6 8  
Newspapers, 14 10 12  
Books & Patterns, 12 None. None.

Hawaiian Kingdom:—

Letters, 16 16 20  
Registration, None. None. None.  
Newspapers, 4 4 6  
Books & Patterns, 6 6 8

W. Indies, (except as above) Costa Rica, Guatemala, Monts Video, New Granada, and Venezuela:—

Letters, 28 34 38  
Newspapers, 6 4 6  
Books & Patterns, 14 8 10  
Registration to British & Union, 12 8 8  
West Indies only, 12 8 8

Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji (n.r.), Natal, Cape, St. Helena, Ascension.

Letters, by Contract Packet 24; by Private Ship 12, Registration 12; Newspapers, 2; Books and Patterns, 4.

\* A small extra charge is made on delivery.  
+ Cannot be sent via San Francisco.

Correspondence for the West Indies (except those belonging to the Postal Union, the Bahamas, and Hayti), for Costa Rica, Honduras, Monte Video, New Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent via San Francisco.

LOCAL AND TOWN POSTAGE.	Letter.	Registration.	Newspapers.	Books & Prints.	Per 2 Oz.
Within any Town or Settlement, or between Hongkong, Canton, and Macao, in either direction,.....	2	8	3	2	
Between any other two of the following places (through a British Office) viz.:—Hongkong, Macao, Ports of China, and Japan, Bangkok, Saigon, and the Philippines, by Private Ship,.....	4	6	3	2	
Between the above by Contra Mail,.....	8	8	3	4	

Any publication fulfilling the conditions hereafter named can pass as a newspaper.

The conditions are as follows:—

1st. The publication must consist wholly or in great part of political or other news, or of articles relating thereto, or to other current topics, with or without advertisement.

2nd. It must be published in numbers at intervals of not more than 31 days, and must be printed on a sheet or sheets unstitched.

3rd. The full title and date of publication must be printed at the top of the first page, and the whole or part of the title and the date of publication at the top of every subsequent page; and this regulation applies to Tables of Contents and Indices.

4th. A supplement must consist wholly or in great part of matter like that of a newspaper, or of advertisements, printed on a sheet or sheets, or a piece of pieces of paper, unstitched; or wholly or in part of engravings, prints, or lithographs illustrative of articles in the newspaper. The supplement must in every case be published with the newspaper, and must have the title and date of publication of the newspaper printed at the top of every page; or, if it consists of engravings, prints, or lithographs, at the top of every sheet or side.

5th. Samples of intrinsic value must not be sent to any foreign country except United States; and in the case of France, samples of elder down, raw or thread silk, woollen or goat's hair, thread, vanilla, saffron, carmine, or flossing, are considered to fall under this rule if they weigh more than three ounces; and up to this weight raw and spun silk, as well as coloured and twisted silk, may be sent to Germany.

The rule which forbids the transmission through the Post of any article likely to injure the contents of the Mail Bags or Boxes, or the person of any Officer of the Post Office, is, of course, applicable to the Pattern Post; and a packet containing anything of the kind will be stopped, and not sent to its destination. Articles such as the following have been occasionally posted as Patterns, and have been detained as unfit for the Post, viz.: Metal boxes, porcelain and China, fruit, vegetables, bunches of flowers, cuttings of plants, spurs, knives, scissors, needles, pins, pieces of machinery, sharp pointed instruments, samples of metals, samples of ore, samples in glass bottles, pieces of glass, acids of various kinds, curvy combs, copper and steel engraving plates, and confectionery of all kinds.

Such articles as scissors, knives, razors, forks, steel pens, nails, keys, watch machinery, metal tubing, pieces of metal or ore, provided that they be packed and guarded in so secure a manner as to afford complete protection to the contents of the mail bags and to the Officers of the Post Office, while at the same time they may be easily examined, may be sent as samples to the following countries, but to these alone; viz., the Azores, Belgium, Cape de Verd Islands, Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Holland, Madeira, Moldavia, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United States, Wallachia, and the British Colonies. Indigo cannot be sent to any place abroad.

A packet of patterns or samples sent to the Azores, Cape de Verd Islands, France, Madeira, Portugal, or by French packet, to Turkey, Syria, or Egypt, must not exceed 18 inches in length, width, or depth; a packet to any other place abroad must not exceed 24 inches in length or 12 inches in width or depth.

A newspaper which has any letter, or any communication of the nature of a letter, written in it or upon its cover, is charged as an unpaid or insufficiently paid letter.

No packet of newspapers may be above 5 lbs. in weight, nor above two feet in length, one foot in width, nor one inch in depth.

A book-packet may contain any number of separate books or other publications (including printed or lithographed letters), photographs (when not on glass or in cases containing glass or any like substance), drawings, prints, or maps, and any quantity of paper, or any other substance in ordinary use for writing or printing upon; and the books or other publications, prints, maps, &c., may be either printed, written, engraved, lithographed, or plain, or any mixture of these. Further, all legitimate binding, mounting, or covering of a book, &c., or of a portion thereof, is allowed, whether such binding, &c., be loose or attached; as also rollers in the case of prints or maps, markers (whether of paper or otherwise) in the case of books, pens or pencils in the case of pocket-books, &c., and, in short, whatever is necessary for the safe transmission of such articles, or usually appertains thereto; but the binding, rollers, &c., must not be sent as a separate packet.

A similar supplementary Mail will be made up for Shanghai by the English and French Contract Steamers, the late letters being received from 10 minutes after, up to half an hour after the time of closing. The late fee will also be 18 cents.

The above arrangement is intended to meet occasional emergencies, and not for the regular posting of extensive correspondence. Should it be found, therefore, that large and unmanageable numbers of letters are habitually thrown upon the Department at the last moment, a heavier late fee will be imposed.

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To provide the greatest possible facilities for posting Correspondence for Europe, &c., up to the latest moment before the departure of the French Packets, arrangements have been made for receiving at the Post Office late letters—except those to and through Australia—from 11.10 A.M. to 11.30 A.M. Each letter must bear a late fee of 18 cents extra postage.

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A book-packet may not contain any letter, or communication of the nature of a letter, whether separate or otherwise, unless it be a circular-letter or wholly printed; nor any enclosure sealed or very closely closed against inspection; nor any other enclosure not allowed by Rule 3. If this rule is infringed, the entire packet is charged as a letter.

2. The following cannot be transmitted:—Parcels insufficiently packed or protected, or liable to be crushed (as bandboxes, &c., Glass, Liquids, Explosive substances, Matches, Indigo, Dyes, &c., Ice, Meat, Fish, Game, Fruit, Vegetables, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or likely to become offensive or injurious in transit).

3. Parcels will as a general rule be forwarded by Private Ship, not by Contract Mail Packet. The Post Office reserves the right of selecting the opportunity for transmission, and of delaying delivery in case the number of parcels is such as to retard other correspondence. No responsibility is accepted with regard to any parcel, but the system of Registration will secure the sender against any but a very remote probability of loss.

4. The public are cautioned not to confound these facilities with a Parcel Post to Europe, &c., which does not exist.

The limit of size for a book-packet addressed to any place abroad is 24 inches in length and 12 inches in width or depth.

PATTERNS.

They must not be of intrinsic value. This rule excludes all articles of a saleable nature, and indeed, whatever may have a value of its own, apart from its mode of use as a pattern; and the quantity of any material sent ostensibly as a pattern must not be so great that it can fairly be considered as having on this ground an intrinsic value.

Pattern and Sample Post to colonies and foreign countries is restricted to bond-fide trade patterns or samples of merchandise.

Goods sent for sale, or in execution of an order (however small the quantity may be), or any articles sent by one private individual to another, which are not actual patterns or samples, are not admissible.

Patterns or samples, when practicable, must be sent in covers open at the ends, and in such a manner as to be easy of examination. But samples of seeds, drugs, and such like articles, which cannot be sent in covers of this kind,—but such articles only,—may be posted enclosed in boxes, or bags of glass, of other material, testifying

## Indian Correspondence.

Unpaid Letters are not received for the Indian Mail Packets.

The Pre-payment of correspondence for the Straits, India, Ceylon, and Aden is compulsory by whatever opportunity it is forwarded.

Registration to Bangkok.

Her Britannic Majesty's Consul General for Siam has been good enough to make arrangements by means of which correspondence can be registered to Bangkok, at the usual charge of 8 cents.

General Postal Union or being probably about to do so, it is necessary that the following rules be strictly observed.

1. No Letter or Packet, whether to be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage if it contains gold or silver money, jewels, precious articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

2. The Regulation prohibits the sending of Patterns of dutiable articles, unless the quantity sent be so small as to make the value of no value.

3. The limits of weight allowed are as follows:—

Books and Papers to British Offices, 5 lbs.; to the Continent, 2 lbs.

Patterns to British Offices, 6 lbs. if without intrinsic value; to the Continent, &c., 8 oz.

4. The following articles cannot be sent by Post at all: Glass, Liquids, Gunpowder, Matches, Candies, Soap, Indigo, Dye-stuff, or whatever is dangerous to the Mails, or offensive or injurious to persons dealing with them.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Letters. Persons in H.M. Army or Navy, Non-commissioned Officers, Army Schoolmen (not superintending or First Class) or Schoolmarmes may send half-ounce letters to the United Kingdom via Southampton by British Packet, for one penny; or via Brindisi by British Packet for three-pence.

Hongkong stamp will prepay this class of correspondence exactly the same as Imperial Stamps.

Soldiers' and Sailors' letters are, however, charged as ordinary letters if they do not conform to the following regulations:—

1. Not to exceed half an ounce. No double letters are allowed.

2. If from a Soldier or Sailor, his class or description must be stated in full on the letter, and the commanding Officer must sign his name, with name of Regiment, or Ship, &c., in full.

3. If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class or description must be stated in full, with name of Regiment, or Ship, &c., in full.

4. Not to exceed half an ounce. No double letters are allowed.

5. If from a Soldier or Sailor, his class or description must be stated in full on the letter, and the commanding Officer must sign his name, with name of Regiment, or Ship, &c., in full.

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12. If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class or description must be stated in full, with name of Regiment, or Ship, &c., in

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commanding at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

**Section.**

- From Green Island to the Gas Works.
- From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
- From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
- From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

**Section.**

- From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Pedder's Wharf.
- From Pedder's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
- From Naval Yard to the Pier.
- From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Age.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Altona	5	Müller	Ger. str.	1179	May 9	Wm. Bustau & Co.	Saigon	
America	2 h	Graham	Brit. str.	563	May 13	Birley & Co.	For Sale	
Argentino	8	Garnett	Brit. str.	915	April 22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	For Sale
Aryll	4 h	Scott	Brit. str.	1271	May 2	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Foochow	To-morrow
Bonarity	8	Potter	Brit. str.	1120	May 4	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Holhew & Haiphong	Ab'deen Dock
Bertha	8	Langley	Brit. str.	1420	May 7	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Coast Ports	Laid up
Bombay	2 h	Williams	Brit. str.	1393	Feb. 22	Kwok Acheong	Yuhama & S. F. Cisco	
Calder	5		Brit. str.	95	Oct. 22	Kwok Acheong	Holhew & Haiphong	
Canoes	2 h	Langer	Ger. str.	937	May 9	Wm. Bustau & Co.	Coast Ports	Laid up
Cassandra	5	Off	Brit. str.	790	May 18	Siemens & Co.	Yuhama & S. F. Cisco	To-morrow
Chihkiang	5	Orf	Brit. str.	654	May 16	P. M. S. S. Co.	Holhew & Haiphong	
City of Pecking	4 h	Tanner	Brit. str.	5079	May 16	Kwong Lee Yuen	Holhew & Haiphong	
Conquest	4 b	Scott	Brit. str.	317	May 16	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Coast Ports	20th, noon
Cyphernes	4 c	Wood	Brit. str.	1286	May 16	Yuen Fat Hong	Kloon Dock	Tug Flying
Dale	4 c	Thompson	Brit. str.	864	May 16	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Kloon Dock	
Douglas	5 h	Plitman	Brit. str.	886	May 15	H. K. & W. P. Dock Co.	Kloon Dock	
Fame	6 h	Spaniari	Brit. str.	117	May 14	G. McBain	Kloon Dock	
Fatchoy	8 h	Holland	Brit. str.	153	May 14	Wm. Bustau & Co.	Kloon Dock	
Fitzpatrick	8 h	Humphries	Brit. str.	597	April 18	Ge Chong Hong	Kloon Dock	
Glamis Castle	5 c	Greig	Brit. str.	1583	April 21	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Yokohama	To-day
Gunga	5 c	Brown	Brit. str.	977	April 25	Geo. R. Stevens & Co.	Australian Ports	20th, noon
Gwallow	5 c	Bobot	Brit. str.	1700	May 15	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Europe, &c.	To-day
Java	3 c	Weber	Brit. str.	886	May 14	Wm. Bustau & Co.	Saigon	
Kienchow	2 h	Green	Brit. str.	.....	May 16	Kwok Acheong	Amoy	To-day
Kjoberghavn	4 c	Jerichau	Dan. str.	701	May 16	Siemens & Co.	Bangkok	To-morrow
Macian	5 h	Erquiza	Span. str.	371	May 17	Russell & Co.	Yokohama	Malls
Madagascar	3 c	Timm	Ger. str.	884	May 17	Siemens & Co.	Australian Ports	21st inst.
Mecca	5 c	Mornay	Brit. str.	678	May 17	Landsberg & Co.	Niigata	
Normandy	5 c	Ellie	Brit. str.	664	May 16	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Saigon	21st, daylight
Oxfordshire	4 c	C. P. Jones	Brit. str.	1328	May 12	Linstedt & Co.	Yokohama	at daylight
Prinz Friedrich Carl	5 c	Mohr	Ger. str.	1100	May 10	Butterfield & Swire	Tamsui, &c.	
Quarts	3 c	Haye	Ger. str.	731	May 14	Sooy Shing	Swatow	To-morrow
State of Alabama	2 h	Ritchie	Brit. str.	1511	May 7	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	London	
Sunda	5 h	Reeves	Brit. str.	1040	May 2	P. & O. S. N. Co.	London	
Taiwan	5 h	Young	Brit. str.	408	May 17	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	London	
Tibet	2 h	Torback	Brit. str.	1871	May 17	P. & O. S. N. Co.	London	
West Stanley	4 h	Ashley	Brit. str.	993	May 17	Siemens & Co.	London	
Yottung	2 h	Goggy	Brit. str.	261	May 12	Kwok Acheong	London	
<b>SAILING VESSELS</b>								
Aldebaran	2 c	Cole	Brit. bge.	393	May 8	Borneo Co., Limited	London	
Anna Bertha	7	Petersen	Ger. bge.	468	May 4	Wm. Bustau & Co.	London	
Anna Siberia	4 h	Paulsen	Ger. bge.	325	April 5	Edward Schellhass & Co.	London	
Astrola	2 c	Penery	Brit. bge.	947	April 24	Butterfield & Swire	Honolulu	
August Friedrich	7	Bruha	Ger. bge.	947	April 26	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Tientsin	
Borneo	8	Shaw	Amer. sh.	739	April 26	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London	
Brama	3 c	Timpe	Ger. bge.	895	April 23	Russell & Co.	London	
Carl Bitter	3 c	Hindleston	Brit. bge.	394	April 23	Russell & Co.	London	
Ceylon	2 c	Tiger	Ger. bge.	282	April 23	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London	
Chocola	2 c	Kennett	Brit. bge.	681	April 23	Oliphant & Co.	London	
Crusader	4 h	Graham	Am. Amer. bge.	668	April 14	Itzozario & Co.	London	
Devana	5 c	May	Brit. bge.	795	April 9	Meyer & Co.	London	
Elsano	2 c	Barmby	Amer. sh.	1181	Feb. 26	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Ella	3 c	Permei	Hawa. bge.	312	Mar. 30	Wieler & Co.	Honolulu	
Elizabeth Ostie	8	Finn	Brit. bge.	740	April 14	Meyer & Co.	Tientsin	
Florence Nightingale	2 c	McIntyre	Brit. bge.	464	May 13	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London	
Forward	4 c	Schweiss	Brit. bge.	282	April 16	Rozardo & Co.	London	
Frands B. Fay	7	Vanderford	Brit. bge.	889	April 16	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	London	
Frank Marion	7	Eldridge	Amer. bge.	678	April 16	Russell & Co.	London	
Genevieve	3 c	Lepretre	Fch. bge.	315	May 16	Landstein & Co.	London	
Georgia	2 c	Romney	Fch. bge.	656	May 16	Meyer & Co.	London	
Golden Spur	2 c	Farrell	Brit. sh.	1091	April 18	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London	
Great Admiral	4 h	Thompson	Amer. bge.	1876	Aug. 18	Russell & Co.	London	
H. G. Johnson	7	Colby	Amer. bge.	1091	April 18	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London	
Hall Columbia	3 c	Bretton	Am. Am. sc. bge.	353	May 16	Remedios & Co.	London	
Hans	3 c	Mount	Ger. bge.	312	May 16	Wieler & Co.	London	
Halens	2 c	Inkster	Brit. bge.	493	May 16	Carlowitz & Co.	London	
Hotspur	2 c	Shaw	Brit. bge.	522	April 27	Captain	London	
Jesus Jameson	7	West	Brit. bge.	504	May 16	Chinese	London	
Jesus McDonald	4 h	Stott	Brit. 3m.sc.	275	May 16	Chinese	London	
Johann Smidt	3 c	Whason	Ger. bge.	449	May 16	McLchers & Co.	London	
Mangerion	2 c	Thompson	Brit. bge.	330	May 16	Wieler & Co.	London	
Manuel	3 c	Eguiluz	Span. sch.	286	May 16	Chinese	London	
Netherton	2 c	Moore	Brit. bge.	261	May 16	Captain	London	
Norseman	1 h	Harik	Span. sh.	711	May 16	Chinese	London	
North Star	4 h	Thomson	Amer. sh.	1374	Feb. 28	Russell & Co.	London	
Nuevo Constante	2 c	Uralto	Span. sch.	217	May 16	Remedios & Co.	London	
Nyassa	7	Garrison	Brit. sh.	793	May 16	Butterfield & Swire	London	
P. J. Carlton	4 c	Amsbury	Amer. bge.	988	Feb. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Papa	3 c	Bloso	Ger. bge.	392	May 16	Siemens & Co.	London	
Peri	2 c	Luhrs	Ger. bg.	276	May 16	Edward Schellhass & Co.	London	
Prosperity	1 h	Hansen	Brit. bge.	476	May 16	Chinese	London	
Regulus	3 c	Lange	Ger. sh.	1115	May 16	P. & O. S. N. Co.	London	
Sacramento	7	Selkirk	Brit. sh.	1418	April 24	Butterfield & Swire	London	
Sarah Nicholson	7	Sass	Span. sch.	539	May 16	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	London	
Slamees Crown	1 c	Williams	Amer. bge.	702	May 16	Meyer & Co.	London	
Silas Fish	2 c	Clough	Amer. sh.	1090	Sept. 26	Russell & Co.	London	
Sumatra	3 c	Kaemena	Ger. bg.	236	April 26	McLchers & Co.	London	
Tartar	2 c	Hormaz	Span. bge.	600	May 16	Russell & Co.	London	
Teodora	2 c	Pendleton	Amer. bge.	645	April 21	Kin Nam	London	
Thomas Fletcher	3 c	Agate	Brit. sh.	1270	Feb. 12	Russell & Co.	London	
Titan	4 c	Jachems	Ger. sh.	1113	Mar. 1	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	London	
Waga	2 c	Healy	Am. Am. sc. bge.	561	May 16	Edward Schellhass & Co.	London	
Wm. Phillips	2 c	Harnden	Brit. 3m.sc.	223	May 16			